

HOUSE RESOLUTION 180

By Windle

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival in Morgan County.

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Mountain Laurel, a flowering shrub that is indigenous to the hills and mountains of East Tennessee, the Morgan County Tourism Alliance established an annual festival on the third Saturday in May, the beginning of the blooming season of the Mountain Laurel; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival promotes horticulture, tourism, agriculture, and State and National Parks, along with economic development throughout East Tennessee, and reaches across the State of Tennessee and into neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, the only known festival of this type that recognizes and honors this East Tennessee-indigenous plant, the Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival was created through the work of a special committee of the Morgan County Tourism Alliance; and

WHEREAS, a statewide celebration, the Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival allows the Morgan County Tourism Alliance to promote the Mountain Laurel plant, while also promoting tourism, horticulture, agriculture, State and National Parks, and economic development across the Great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate for this legislative body to specially recognize such a wonderful new festival and congratulate the Morgan County Tourism Alliance on its efforts to promote and share Tennessee's beautiful Mountain Laurel; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend the Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival in Morgan County and extend our best wishes to the Morgan County Tourism Alliance for much success with this new endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.